GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PIPELINE FROM PARADEEP TO HALDIA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pipeline project from Paradeep to Haldia is completed;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, the advantages and constraints of the project;

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the details of the projected time by which Paradeep Oil Refinery be completed ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. Pipeline project from Paradeep to Haldia has been affected due to frequent stoppage of work enroute pipeline, re-routing of 55 km pipeline and non-performance of work by the contractor, M/s Iranian Offshore Engineering and Construction Company, Iran.

(c) : Completion of the pipeline project will provide cost effective alternative to the present mode of transportation of crude oil to Haldia and Barauni Refineries of IOCL.

(d) : The Government is committed to grant all statutory clearances for completion of the project.

(e) : Paradeep Refinery−cum-Petrochemical complex is scheduled to be completed by October, 2011 as per the in-principle approval accorded by the Board of Directors of IOCL. The Final Investment Approval would come after the completion of Front End Engineering Design.